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Pursuant to President Biden's <u>Executive Order</u> on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government, the EPA has established a number of workgroups to examine various potential barriers to equity in our delivery on EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. I am chairing the Grants, Finance, and Technical Assistance Workgroup alongside my colleagues from Region 9, the acting RA Deborah Jordan and senior adviser Laura Ebbert, and our Equity Grants Workgroup has representatives from across EPA programs and regions.

The timing for this work is quite aggressive as I'm sure you can imagine. We have identified draft barriers to equity in our grantmaking, loan, and direct technical assistance programs to states, tribes, territories, educational institutions, and communities. In this work, we would like to hear directly from representatives of several critical grantee stakeholders about the barriers they experience or perceive, and we believe farmworker communities are naturally one of those we are most interested in doing some ground truthing with as they are some of the most vulnerable and overburdened in the country.

I hope to use this hour to hear your perspectives on how EPA funding can more equitably reach and serve farmworker communities. Please let me know if you have other colleagues you might like to suggest also participate in this conversation.

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